IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.

10/615,691

Confirmation No. 9707

Applicant Filed

Jouji Wada, et al. July 8, 2003

TC/A.U.

2621

Examiner

Jeremiah C. Huber

Docket No.

ARI-35846

Customer No.

00116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The three month period for filing a response to the Office action mailed October 30, 2008 ended January 30, 2009. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition for a three month extension of time, up to and including April 30, 2009, to respond to this Office action. Please charge the \$1,110.00 three month extension of time fee to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 35846.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.